

MARKED UP VERSION OF REPLACED  
PARAGRAPH(S) OF THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, the first full paragraph, lines 5-21, the marked up paragraph is as follows:

--So as to prepare plural primers at an equal  $T_m$  value, the individual primers are allowed to comprise a nucleotide sequence of several species of modules, each module being composed of 4 to 6 nucleotides. For example, 5 modules (A, B, C, D, and E), each module being composed of 4 nucleotides, are aligned sequentially in the order A-B-C-D-E to prepare a primer with the nucleotide sequence or in the order [C-D-B-A-E] C-D-A-B-E to prepare a primer with the latter nucleotide sequence. Herein, each of the individual modules comprises the same nucleotide species at both the termini thereof. Even if these modules that have same nucleotide species at the both termini are shuffled together in order, the nucleotide sequence in the linking region between the modules is never modified because the nucleotides at both the termini are identical. Thus, no effect of the change of the sequence order of these modules is reflected on the  $T_m$  value.--

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